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V. Rules of Practice and Procedure

A. Rules of Practice and Procedure, Generally

1. In General

§ 158. Matters subject to regulation—Jurisdiction

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A rule of court cannot enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of a court that is conferred by the constitution or statute.

A court whose rulemaking power is limited to matters of practice, procedure, and pleading in courts may not create jurisdiction where none exists¹ as a rule of court cannot enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of a court² that is conferred by the constitution or statute.³

Trial court civil rules are procedural in nature and apply only after an action is commenced and thus do not purport to extend the subject-matter jurisdiction of the court.⁴

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Footnotes

1 Mo.—[Glasby v. State](#), 739 S.W.2d 769 (Mo. Ct. App. E.D. 1987).

2 Ala.—[Ex parte Ward](#), 46 So. 3d 888 (Ala. 2007).

 D.C.—[Ford v. ChartOne, Inc.](#), 834 A.2d 875 (D.C. 2003).

 Haw.—[State v. Lei](#), 95 Haw. 278, 21 P.3d 880 (2001).

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4 Wash.—[Diehl v. Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Bd.](#), 153 Wash. 2d 207, 103 P.3d 193 (2004).